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Oswald's Letter From The USSR

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Lee Harvey Oswald went to the Soviet Union in 1959, he wrote his brother Robert, "I will never return to the United States which is a country I hate."

The letter was dated Nov. 9, 1959 — just over four years before the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in Dallas, a deed of which Oswald was accused. The letter was auctioned for $750 by Charles Hamilton Galleries. A medical researcher was the purchaser.

COLLECTION

The letter was part of a collection of Oswald's personal papers. Using notebook paper and purple ink, Oswald wrote to his brother: "You really don't know anything about me."

The letter, with "Room 233, Metropol Hotel, Moscow, U.S.S.R." scrawled as the address, went on to ask:

"Do you know for instance that I have walked to do this for well over a year, do you know that I speak a fair amount of Russian which I have been studying for many months." In parentheses he wrote "speak Russian" in Russian.

CITIZEN

"I have been told," Oswald wrote, "that I will not have to leave the Soviet Union, under any conditions. I will not have to return to the United States which is a country I hate. Someday, perhaps soon, and then again, perhaps in a few years, I will become a citizen of the Soviet Union, but it is a very legal process, in any event I will not have to leave the Soviet Union and I will never leave."

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